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Weymouth 6th June 1854

Dear Caroline,

I am almost afraid to write in my natural style for fear of foaming Lucia up to a pitch of excitement which may hurt her. My bursting feelings are relieved by plans of vengeance & insults to be offered to Loring & Co — & plans for chapper-clawing every man who is in the least implicated in this matter. Clifford was in the court house at the time of the attack & was scared almost to death. as was Judge Shaw, who demanded an escort home & had it. Clifford in his fright ordered the Mayor to ~~turn~~ call out the military & threatened to arrest him if he did'nt — the great trial to me is that the rescue failed. Do you remember the story of the man carried down by the torrent & lodged on a cliff, the water rising & thousands of people working all night to save him, but in vain he was swept away, & soon after an idiot arrived on the scene of action, who set up a shout of laughter & in a few words told them how they could have got a rope to the man. Sarah Cowing could have addressed the meeting at Faneuil Hall that night to great advantage

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"The time when you think of a thing is the time to do it." Grandmamma folks are thrown into a great excitement by the story of T. Wharf. we send Commonwealth. The Sat Transcript had the story, that the wharfinger, gave permission to the slave catchers, without consulting owners & was dismissed Friday night, & Sat morning was provided with a place in Custom House. This Jo Sampson you know is the man. I believe J. H. Pearson refused to allow the use of Long Wharf. Central wharf was refused also — Anne has just received a letter from Ann Terry, who reports herself as very low & Boston very wicked — The crowd was immense to hear Parker Sunday, at the Music Hall. Crowded to suffocation — E. G. Lorings son was there it is reported to hear — In the midst of this matter ~~[illegible]~~ suddenly — She ~~[illegible]~~ terrible ~~[illegible]~~ & it is fortunately unmourned with ~~[illegible]~~ her disorder is called heart complaint. Ann Terry writes that at Mr Sorneys school, Jesey Reynolds & Roberts Winthrops daughter! were the only abolitionists in school. The city of Providence have voted not to celebrate the 4th of July, but to tole the bell three times — The Universalist minister little Davenport notified that he should preach on Slavery Sunday afternoon, but I would not go to a church which is closed against the A. S. meetings. The Lorings are gay & frolicsome as ever. I think Sarah & Susan look with eyes of favour upon Baker — the Bakers are full of spirits, table turning, & receive beautiful communications from Nancy. Edmund Quincy's nephew Sam was one of the Ca-dets at the slave scrape & the men in the office called to Edmund to see him. E. said to Anne that it was not for want of advice for his brother & sister said every thing to prevent — Edmund has since written to him advising him to drop the uniform which he has dis-graced. I wish you could have seen Miss Stevenson keeping guard on the sidewalk. I stood with them all the time I could. Mrs Parker, Mrs Robert Apthorp, Miss Hunt her sister & Miss Stevenson stood on the curb stone opposite the Court-house for nearly a week all the time, with a great many of the [illegible] in people off & on. Miss Stevenson set her nose & her parasol, whet up her teeth, & instructed the rest of us who & when to hiss. I knew enough to attack the U. S. Officers & marines myself — Anne was obliged to sit on a sofa in a pro-slavery umbrella store, seeing her there Miss Hunt came in & she & Anne talked religion & literature & for some time. When they came

out Mrs Hunt laughed very mu
& said, the men listened very ear-
-nestly & finally one hunched the
other & said. "It takes all sorts of
folks to make a world". When the
slave catchers went down State S
Old Sam Mays store was in mourn
& strings across the street with ~~the~~
two American flags upside down
hung with black. Under this they
were obliged to march & old Sa
& his three sons run out with the
most violent hisses & outcries.
so that the military doubled u
their fists at them. Ma was
much gratified at hearing from
Lucia. It was a great comfort
to her. Tell Maria to put a
stop all talk of seeing Chaunc
St. Anne has sent Maria 2
three papers. Tell Lizzy to be
wise & prudent, & economical

Ever yours DW

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Weymouth Tuesday. June 6. 1854

Dear Folks

I went last Friday morning to Mr Andrew's Office with the most entire hope that Burns would be released. How could I think that Edward Loring could be so terrible a fool, when no decent man who respected evidence, could have done otherwise than set him at liberty. This was the popular expectation. Phebe & I had Andrew's office all to ourselves, but by & bye it began to fill up. Soon the Rev Mr Johnson came with the news. Then people began to come in. Wm F. Channing, Dr Walter J. W. Browne & many more whom I don't know. They went at once to draping the Office in mourning. Soon Jenny Greene who had come in said she had a cousin in the next office who said we had better go in there as there was plenty of room. E. Quincy went in with us. There were only 3 or 4 men there. One Alderman Dunham, breathing out threatenings & slaughter against the Mayor who had called out this great Military force without any consultation with his Aldermen. At 10 o'clock from above the C. H. as far as one could see to down as far as one could see on State St was one dense & surging crowd. The windows of every Office & place of business were full the shops shut. Two cavalry companies

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Mass arm forces ordered out by those poor little worthless small pox Smith made their appearance. They were received with the loudest groans & hisses, shouts of "Kidnapper! Slave catcher! Shame! Shame! Jenny Phebe & I called out with the best. By & bye, I missed Jenny & Phebe. I learned afterwards that Mr Chandler the owner of the office had requested Jenny not to make these demonstrations, & so she & Phebe left. For my part, I was sitting in a little side room with Edmund beside me & whenever any cadets or Col Amory or any thing that looked gentlemanly appeared we called out, Shame & Slave catcher in our most expressive & scornful voices. Edmund varied it by the words "Nigger catcher" when he wished to make himself specially savage. Mr Chandler who turned out to be Peleg Chandler the City Solicitor said nothing to us, whether he was not aware or whether he did not like to come in & do it, I know not. I could not help laughing when I read Cowlie's advice coming the day after this that we must not get ourselves over tired or heated, for sitting 5 hours at an open window, helping to swell this tirade of scorn & indignation, was very fatiguing & heating I assure you. It was so alien to all my ways & habits you may wonder,

but I felt conscience impelled. There were
not a great many women present. Those
who were were I fancy the out & out
Abolitionists. You would have been surprised
at the feeling exhibited. Every company
of soldiers was groaned at & hissed as long
as they appeared in sight, & when they passed
the Commonwealth office at the head of
State St. from which a coffin was hung
right across the head of State St. with
Liberty in large letters thereon, the hissing
was so loud it would have surprised
you. It took the troops a long while to
clear the streets, & after it was done
so many people returned that the side
walks were full. The man was brought
down a little after 2, surrounded by 60
men with drawn cutlasses, several com
panies of U. S. troops, a loaded cannon
all ready to be touched off, & dozens of
companies before & after & guarding all
the avenues to Court & State Sts. I suppose
the respectability of Boston have suffered a
portion of their deserts. I have now heard of
a score that stood up for the Gov't. Nebraska
Bill so enraged them that tho' they were not
up to the mark of doing it themselves they
would have been thankful had the
attack on the Court house prevailed. When
it was supposed he might be taken back in
a packet there was a rumor that people
in State St would provide a steamer & fur
arms if the Abolitionists would get

men to man her, but nothing of the sort could be done when it was found the man was to go back in a U. S. armed vessel. I did not see Burns, myself, but the people in the office said he looked well, & bore himself in a firm manly manner. With some difficulty we got out of the crowd & got home, sick at heart of course, for even if all this is to be overruled for good, one has hardly time to feel it. We found Ann Terry pale & tearful, the whole house darkened. I had to get off my letter for you per the Franklin. Wendell carried it up the Railway where letters are got in the last moment. Sunday calls & interruptions occurred. Edmund came & Ben who was in town for the day. Then Sam May. He showed me a letter from Higginson who was very firm at Worcester, tho' expecting arrest. It was advice about ~~the~~ men who had been arrested at the C. H. I came out of town at 7 completely spent. [They had heard from Warren. He had safely arrived at Phelen Island & he enclosed your letter to him. The next morning Saturday came your letters from Bordeaux and Maria's & Lizzy's from Paris. You may be sure, we were glad enough to see Lizzie's hand again. We are rather puzzled ~~&~~ about Maria's proposal for dinner.]

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